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Thomas R. Kuhn
President

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The Honorable Ryan K. Zinke
Secretary of the Interior
1949 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Edison Electric Institute (EEI) and its member companies continue to be grateful for the strong engagement between the Department of Interior and the electric power sector. As you well know, your senior staff have worked closely with EEI and our member companies in the past 16 months on a wide range of important public policy objectives.

Of course, the broad continuum of issues under the DOI umbrella—first and foremost siting and permitting of critically needed energy infrastructure—is still very much at the center of our work, and will be highlighted during our upcoming Board of Directors meetings in San Diego on June 5-6. I would like to formally invite you to address our Board on one of those afternoons, if your schedule permits.

As a reminder, EEI is the trade association for the nation's investor-owned electric power companies, and our members deliver electricity to 220 million customers in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Our June Board sessions would be an ideal venue for you to interact with the top executives from energy companies in EEI's membership.

Considering your prominent role in the Administration, our CEOs would be very interested in hearing your views about a wide range of public policy issues involving energy, federal lands and environmental issues, including the paramount importance of easing barriers to the siting and permitting of critically needed energy infrastructure, such as transmission lines and natural gas pipelines. We also would appreciate your thoughts on ongoing regulatory reform efforts generally.

We would envision remarks of approximately 30 minutes, followed by a brief question-and-answer period with our Board members. We are keenly aware of the demands on your time and will remain flexible in seeking to accommodate your schedule. As a planning matter, our CEO conferences are entirely closed to the news media.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please don't hesitate to contact me at 202-508-5555 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas R. Kuhn".

Thomas R. Kuhn